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ABSTRACT

Many educators are unsure about how to respond to gay issues at the elementary and middle school levels. It has been found that by third grade almost all children have been exposed to some information and misinformation about gay people. If schools are serious about preparing students for the diversity in our communities, preventing violence, and fostering equality between girls and boys, then gay issues will need to be addressed. This 78-minute documentary makes a case that children should be taught to respect all people, including lesbians and gay men, as part of their early education. At its heart is footage of elementary and middle school classrooms where teachers are finding age-appropriate ways to confront anti-gay prejudice and counter gay invisibility. The documentary demystifies what it means to incorporate information about gay people into early education, showing through classroom vignettes how it can be done. It is designed to inspire teachers and administrators to take the next steps at their own schools to increase student knowledge and sensitivity for this aspect of diversity. (JLS)

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